

Yamhill Regional Water Authority (YRWA)
Commission Meeting
June 18, 2019 at 10:00 am
McMinnville Water & Light, 855 NE Marsh Lane, McMinnville, Oregon

MINUTES

Call to Order

Ed Gormley called the meeting to order at 10:19 am.

Roll Call

YRWA Commissioners/Alternate Representatives Present:

Ed Gormley, YRWA Chair, McMinnville Water & Light Commission Member
Doug Cook, City Councilor, City of Lafayette

Others Present:

John Dietz, YRWA General Manager and McMinnville Water & Light General Manager
Trena McManus, Community Relations Coordinator, McMinnville Water & Light
James Burke, Water Division Director, McMinnville Water and Light
Preston Polasek, City Administrator, City of Lafayette
Kevin Perkins, Assistant City Administrator, City of Lafayette

Approval of Minutes

Doug Cook made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting. Ed Gormley seconded the motion and the minutes were **accepted** as presented.

Potential Water Right Purchase

John Dietz said that McMinnville Water and Light is looking at the possibility of purchasing an additional water right on the Willamette River with a priority date prior to 1964. The state is considering a change in the apportionment between natural flow and released stored water for use on the Willamette River that would affect rights after 1964, so it would be beneficial to have a senior right to the potential restriction date. Currently, the YRWA owns a water right with a 2011 priority date and McMinnville Water and Light owns a water right with a priority date of 1982.

Future Regional Goals

John Dietz said that he would like to invite Newberg and Dundee to a future meeting to see if they have interest in participating in the regional efforts. Preston Polasek said that he will reach out to Dundee and invite them to a meeting.

Construction Update- Lafayette Intertie

James Burke reported that the engineering contract for the Lafayette Intertie project has been approved, and surveying is expected to start this week. A kick-off meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. Construction is estimated to begin in Spring 2020.

River Data

The river data for the period of April 1, 2019-June 15, 2019 was distributed, and there were 13 days where river flows were below the fish flow target levels.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The group agreed that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, ~~August 20~~(later changed to October 15), 2019 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

Prepared by:

YAMHILL REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

Trena McManus

City of Carlton

City of Lafayette

McMinnville Water & Light